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In accordance with current PTO procedures, all current claims are presented regardless of any amendments, as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A process for the customisation of consumer products, which comprises the steps of:

(a) preparing said customisable consumer products according to available selections made by a consumer of one or more components of said consumer products having product characteristics made chosen by [a] the consumer,

(b) optionally reconstituting said components with one or more other components, and

(c) dispensing from a vending system at a point-of-sale of said consumer products.

2. (Original) The process according to Claim 1, wherein said process allows for the simultaneous multiple customisation, optional reconstitution with one or more other components and dispensing of consumer products.

3. (Original) The process according to Claim 1, wherein the consumer product is dispensed into a reusable storage container.

4. (Original) The process according to Claim 1, wherein the process includes a remote means of operating the vending system.

5. (Original) The process according to Claim 2, wherein the process includes a remote means of operating the vending system.

6. (Currently amended) A vending system for the customisation of consumer products, wherein said customisable consumer products are prepared according to available selections made by a consumer of one or more components of said consumer products having product characteristics made chosen by [a] the consumer, said components being optionally reconstituted with one or more other components forming said customised consumer products and dispensed from said vending system at the point-of-sale ~~of said consumer products~~.

7. (Original) The vending system according to Claim 6, wherein said vending system allows for the simultaneous multiple customisation, optional reconstitution with one or more other components and dispensing of consumer products.

8. (Currently amended) The vending system according to Claim 6, wherein the vending system ~~may~~ is adapted to be operated by a remote means.

9. (Currently amended) The vending system according to Claim 7, wherein the vending system ~~may~~ is adapted to be operated by a remote means.

10. (Currently amended) The vending system according to Claim 8, wherein the remote means comprises ~~a direct electronic link or a modem~~ an electronic communicative device.

11. (Currently amended) The vending system according to Claim 6, wherein said vending system is connected to a plurality of interfaces ~~and/or~~ capable of being connected to one or more further vending systems, such that ~~any one or more of the~~ interfaces may be used to select and customise product according to availability of [an] said one or more interfaces and ~~any one or more~~ dispense points of the one or more further vending systems ~~may be being~~ used to dispense product according to dispense loading at said vending systems.

12. (Currently amended) The vending system according to Claim 7, wherein said vending system is connected to a plurality of interfaces ~~and/or~~ capable of being connected to one or more further vending systems, such that ~~any one or more of the~~ interfaces may be used to select and customise product according to availability of [an] said one or more interfaces and ~~any one or more~~ dispense points of the one or more further vending systems ~~may be being~~ used to dispense product according to dispense loading at said vending systems.

13. (Currently amended) The vending system according to Claim 8, wherein said vending system is connected to a plurality of interfaces ~~and/or~~ capable of being connected to one or more further vending systems, such that ~~any one or more of the~~ interfaces may be used to select and customise product according to availability of [an] said one or more interfaces and ~~any one or more~~ dispense points of the one or more further vending systems ~~may be being~~ used to dispense product according to dispense loading at said vending systems.

14. (Currently amended) The vending system according to Claim 6, wherein said vending system ~~may~~ is adapted to use a batch ~~or a parallel~~ process for handling product orders.

15. (Currently amended) The vending system according to Claim 7, wherein said vending system ~~may~~ is adapted to use a batch ~~or a parallel~~ process for handling product orders.

16. (Currently amended) The vending system according to Claim 8, wherein said vending system ~~may~~ is adapted to use a batch ~~or a parallel~~ process for handling product orders.

17. (Currently amended) The vending system according to Claim 10, wherein said vending system ~~may~~ is adapted to use a batch ~~or a parallel~~ process for handling product orders.

18. (Currently amended) The vending system according to Claim 11, wherein said vending system ~~may~~ is adapted to use a batch ~~or a parallel~~ process for handling product orders.

19. (New) The vending system according to Claim 6, wherein said vending system is adapted to use a parallel process for handling product orders.

20. (New) The vending system according to Claim 7, wherein said vending system is adapted to use a parallel process for handling product orders.

21. (New) The vending system according to Claim 8, wherein said vending system is adapted to use a parallel process for handling product orders.

22. (New) The vending system according to Claim 10, wherein said vending system is adapted to use a parallel process for handling product orders.

23. (New) The vending system according to Claim 11, wherein said vending system is adapted to use a parallel process for handling product orders.

24. (New) The vending system according to Claim 12, wherein said vending system is adapted to use a parallel process for handling product orders.

25. (New) The vending system according to Claim 13, wherein said vending system is adapted to use a parallel process for handling product orders.
